charge of only \$.25 per minute to carry a local call from Saipan to Rota. Although MTC's initial tariff has been subject to subsequent changes and restructuring. IT&E has reason to believe that the disparity between MTC's access and toll charges has not substantially narrowed. Thus, despite the fact that both MTC's access and local toll services involve the same facilities and require delivering traffic over the same distance, MTC currently charges IT&E approximately twice as much for access service as it charges its own local exchange subscribers for a local toll call. Based on this substantial disparity in price, IT&E has reason to believe that MTC's access charges are not reasonably justified by the cost of providing such service. Furthermore, IT&E has reason to believe that MTC is either discriminating against IT&E by either failing to impute the same access charges to its own interexchange operation or cross-subsidizing its interexchange operation with revenues from its local exchange operation. Because MTC fails to maintain complete separation between its local exchange and interexchange operations, there is no guarantee that it does not impute the same access charges to its interexchange operation or that it does not engage in improper crosssubsidization.

IV. CONCLUSION

The termination of the consent decree will result in greater anticompetitive abuses by GTE and its GTOCs. GTE has failed to demonstrate that the decree's purposes regarding the prevention of the abuse of GTE's market power have been fulfilled. GTE has not shown the absence of any potential for the abuse of the GTOCs' bottleneck local exchange facilities to impair the growth and development of the competitive markets for interexchange and information services. Indeed, GTE cannot make such a showing, since the evidence indicates

that at least one of its GTOCs (i.e., MTC) continues to engage in anticompetitive conduct in violation of the letter and spirit of the consent decree. MTC's provision of both local exchange and interexchange services on a structurally integrated basis not only violates the decree's strict prohibition against the provision of interexchange services by a GTOC, but also creates the incentive and opportunity for MTC to use its local exchange monopoly to deny equal access to its interexchange service competitors and unfairly discriminate in favor of its own interexchange operation. Because the need for the decree's safeguards against anticompetitive practices by the GTOCs remains, GTE's motion to terminate the consent decree should accordingly be denied.

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